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The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

We are writing to urge you to actively support full implementation of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, particularly section 3406(b)(2) (hereafter, CVPIA and B2). Our organizations, representing more than a quarter of a million Californians, strongly disagree with your November 6 letter to Secretary Babbitt regarding implementation of the CVPIA. We object to the statement that the state may not cooperate in the implementation of a federal law intended to restore the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary, the rivers of the Central Valley and strengthen the California economy. The CVPIA is a centrist, bipartisan bill with remarkably broad support. In order to present our views on this and related water policy issues, we request a meeting with you in the very near future. We have attached responses to specific issues raised by your letter.

As you can see from the enclosed letter, the environmental community has previously requested a meeting with you devoted to water policy issues. We reiterated that request prior to this latest announcement on CVPIA implementation and prior to your action earlier this year regarding involvement in the B2 lawsuit in federal court. We have not yet had an opportunity to discuss with you our perspective on these critical issues.

The coming months will see a number of major water policy milestones in water issues, including CVPIA implementation, water project operations for 2000, creation of an Environmental Water Account, CALFED planning, Trinity River restoration and more. We believe that to provide you with a balanced perspective on water issues, it is imperative that we have a chance to discuss these matters with you in person, as we have during your long career in public service. We look forward to an opportunity to work with you to assure the

full and immediate implementation of federal law and the development of a balanced CALFED plan to serve California's environment and economy.

Sincerely,

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